

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 301**

LCO No. 3219

**AN ACT MODIFYING THE STANDARD FOR MANDATORY
REPORTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SPILLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 [The] (a) Until the commissioner adopts the regulations required
4 under subsection (c) of this section, the master of any ship, boat, barge
5 or other vessel, or the person in charge of any terminal for the loading
6 or unloading of any oil or petroleum or chemical liquids or solid,
7 liquid or gaseous products, or hazardous wastes, or the person in
8 charge of any establishment, or the operator of any vehicle, trailer or
9 other machine which by accident, negligence or otherwise causes the
10 discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of oil or
11 petroleum or chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products, or
12 hazardous wastes which poses a potential threat to human health or
13 the environment, shall immediately report such discharge, spillage,
14 uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration to the commissioner. [such facts
15 as the commissioner by regulation may require.] Any such report shall
16 include, but not be limited to, the location, the quantity and the type of
17 substance, material or waste, the date and the cause of the discharge,
18 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration, the name and address
19 of the owner of the ship, boat, barge or other vessel, terminal,

20 establishment, vehicle, trailer or machine, and the name and address of
21 the person making the report and his or her relationship to the owner.
22 Any person who fails to make a report required by this section may be
23 fined not more than one thousand dollars and the employer of such
24 person may be fined not more than five thousand dollars, except that
25 any person who fails to make a report relating to the discharge,
26 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of gasoline shall be
27 fined not more than five thousand dollars and the employer of such
28 person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

29 (b) On and after the date the commissioner adopts regulations
30 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the report described in
31 subsection (a) of this section shall be required whenever the discharge,
32 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration (1) poses a potential
33 threat to human health or the environment, and (2) exceeds the
34 applicable threshold adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
35 subsection (c) of this section.

36 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
37 the provisions of chapter 54, to define the threshold amounts for
38 discharges, spillages, uncontrolled losses, seepages or filtrations that
39 shall be reported to the commissioner pursuant to this section. Such
40 threshold amounts shall be defined in units of weight for solid
41 products and in units of volume for liquid and gaseous products. Such
42 regulations may include the specification of any facts, in addition to
43 those specified in subsection (a) of this section, that shall be included
44 in any report submitted under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	22a-450